



Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
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June 1, 2008

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County supports your efforts to attack global warming. However, we're very concerned about the cost of implementing AB 32 and the adverse economic impact on our small business members relative to higher energy costs.

Our members are especially concerned about how high electricity and gasoline costs will be. In fact, the cost today is adversely affecting our businesses. Anything the Air Board can do to keep these costs down is very important for our community. Energy costs are a big portion of the incomes of our small businesses, and low-income families in our community. We would strongly support the cap and trade program. Please feel free to call our organization should you wish to discuss. Call Executive Director Felix Galaviz at 510-536-4477 or 510-535-6090 or myself.

Thank you for your attention and action to this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry Alderete

President

cc: Latino Legislative Caucus
Dan Dunmoyer, Governor's office
Linda Adams, Secretary of EPA
CARB board members

